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SUBJECT: IMPACT OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS & EMPLOYMENT.

REF: A. OECD 10959 B. SME/IR/75.2

1. MSA WORKING PARTY ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, AT ITS
APRIL 22-24, 1975 MEETING (REF.A) APPROVED SETTING UP
SMALL EXPERT GROUP TO EXAMINE AND REPORT ON IMPACT OF
MNCs ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT IN A NUMBER
OF SELECTED COUNTRIES. PROPOSAL IS DESCRIBED IN REF.

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2. BY LETTER DATED JUNE 20, 1975 (AIRPOUCHED) FROM MSA
DIRECTORATE HEAD GASS TO AMBASSADOR TURNER, MISSION WAS
ADVISED THAT EXPERT GROUP HAS BEEN SELECTED: CHAIRMAN,
ALAN MORGAN, FORMERLY UK DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT,
PROFESSOR ROGER BLANPAIN, UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN
(BELGIUM) AND DR. HANS GUENTER, INTERNATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF LABOR STUDIES, GENEVA. GROUP WILL VISIT
PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS, EMPLOYERS, TRADE UNIONISTS AND ACADEMICIANS

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IN ORDER TO: (A) CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT MULTINATIONAL

ENTERPRISES HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF TAKING EFFECTIVE ACTIONS IN THE FIELD DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF COMPARABLE NATIONAL ENTERPRISES; (B) CONSIDER, WHERE SUCH CAPABILITY EXISTS, WHETHER OR NOT MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES ACTUALLY, AND IF SO TO WHAT EXTENT, TAKE ACTIONS WHICH RAISE PROBLEMS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLYING TO ENTERPRISES WHICH OPERATE TOTALLY WITHIN NATIONAL BOUNDARIES; (C) SUMMARISE THE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENT, TRADE UNION, EMPLOYER AND ACADEMIC EXPERTS IN THE FIELD; (D) ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ISSUE IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL TERMS; (E) ASSESS WHETHER AMELIORATION OF ANY NEGATIVE EFFECTS IS MERITED AND, IF SO, BY WHAT TYPES OF GOVERNMENTAL OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION, INCLUDING CODES OF BEHAVIOUR; AND (F) ASSESS THE DESIRABILITY, VALIDITY AND PRACTICABILITY OF SPECIFIC DRAFTS OF CLAUSES IN THE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE IME COMMITTEE OF OECD.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE GROUP IS TO SELECT COUNTRIES FOR REVIEW AND DETERMINE WORK PROCEDURE AT A FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD THE WEEK OF JUNE 30, MISSION REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER, IN PRINCIPLE, U.S. AUTHORITIES WOULD APPROVE THE INCLUSION OF U.S. AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED BY EXPERTS IN THE COURSE OF THEIR WORK.

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